

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment and concurrently filed RCE are submitted so that typographically errors in the specification and claims identified by the Applicants can be corrected before issuance of the patent. As set forth in the amendment variables A and E were listed incorrectly in various places in the application, when the proper reference should have been to variables B and F, respectively.

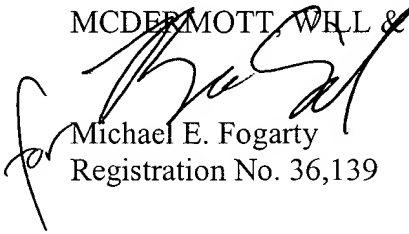
Example 3, set forth on pages 39-45 of the specification, illustrates that the foregoing variables were incorrectly identified. More specifically, in Example 3, the equations were deemed effective when the coefficient of "X" was not less than a prescribed minimum value on the assumption that the prescribed minimum value of the coefficient of "X" was 0.18. In addition, equation (18) was deemed effective because the coefficient of "X" was 0.198, which was not less than 0.18, but equation (19) was deemed not effective because the coefficient of "X" was 0.163, which is less than 0.18. However, as is clear from equations (18) and (19), the values of 0.198 and 0.163 correspond to the "B" variable in the equation $Y=A+BX$. As such, it is respectfully submitted that it is clear that the previous reference to A and E in the specification and claims, which is corrected by the instant amendment, was merely a typographical error.

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that foregoing amendment does not introduce any new matter, and it requested that the amendment be entered.

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